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REPORTS OF PRISONERS' EXECUTIONS-----

Human rights organizations and families of prisoners

have expressed concern to the Embassy regarding a flurry of recent reports regarding the disappearance and executions of PEN prisoners. The most serious charge has been made by

Osvaldo and Elide Debenedetti, parents of Osvaldo Sigfrido.

Debenedetti, former Revolutionary Workers Party leader (PRT).

According to the parents' report, Debenedetti was transferred

from Sierra Chico Prison where he was serving a judicial

sentence to Cordoba. From Cordoba he was transferred to

Tucuman where on July 21, 1978 he was shot and killed "while

attempting to escape". According to the family, the body

which was returned had two wounds. One in the chest and the

other which the family believes was the \_\_\_\_\_ through the neck.

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The father alleges when he protested his son's death to Army officials, they reviewed his son's political record and emphasized his association with the PRT and the ERP. The French daily LE METIN was reported to have announced that Debenedetti had died in jail.

Jorge Roberto Garcia, a prisoner in La Plata serving the judicial sentence which was almost completed when his freedom ordered by Judge Marcquard. According to his family, he was transferred to Villa Devoto but since that time there has been no report of his whereabouts. His family has heard that he was killed in April 1978. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Another report circulating human rights circles is that Juan Portas Borrás was shot in Córdoba in this year. Portas Borrás was sentenced to death by a military tribunal in 1977

but the Air Force elected not to carry out the sentence.

Fifteen PEN prisoners have been reported removed from Cell Block 14 in La Plata Prison. One of the family members is alleged to have received a report that her husband had been transferred to the Third Corps' jurisdiction but there has been no confirmation although complaints have been filed with the Ministry of Interior and the International Red Cross.